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Ambrose Student Official Raps NSA Boss

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A National Student Assn. (NSA) spokesman at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Wednesday criticized the association's national president for the "untimely release" of a statement on the "sub rosa relationship" between the NSA and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Ken Brune, NSA coordinator at St. Ambrose told the Times-Democrat that W. Eugene Groves, NSA national president, "put me on the spot" in releasing the information.

Groves disclosed Tuesday that the CIA had been a secret financial backer of the NSA for more than 10 years. Contributions ran about \$200,000 a year at the beginning, in the early 1950's, and were down to about \$50,000 a year, when the ties were cut, Groves said.

Brune denied knowing anything about the funding. It was "embarrassing to discover something about an organization you're affiliated with from an outside source," Groves should have at least informed NSA regional officers of his plans, Brune said.

Referring to charges in Washington, D. C., that high NSA officials were given draft exemptions, Brune said it had been "rumored" at the NSA national congress last summer, "however, there never

was a formal statement on the matter."

Three years ago "presidential action" at St. Ambrose ordered a stop to NSA activity on the campus because "it was no longer acting in the interest of the college." Brune attributed this to "lack of personnel" rather than to the chapter's "political philosophy."

Tom Hanson, president of the University of Iowa student Senate, said Wednesday Iowa withdrew from the NSA in

1963 because "too much attention was being paid to liberal political stands and not enough to student activities."

Brune disagreed. He said "NSA's main effort in 1965 was directed at recruiting, now its thrust is toward student activities." Brune said he was particularly impressed with NSA booklets on student programs at other schools.

Brune supported a proposal made Wednesday by President Johnson that a review be made of government activi-

ties that might endanger the integrity of U. S. educational groups.

Brune did not believe CIA influence in the organization "very deep." He said he felt Wednesday's development would have little bearing on the future of the St. Ambrose chapter.

St. Ambrose belongs to the Iowa-Nebraska region of the national NSA. NSA is the largest student organization in the country with 1.3 million members on 300 campuses.